



AJC 2019 Survey of American Jewish Opinion

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AJC's 2019 Survey of American Jewish Opinion, conducted by the research company SSRS, is based on telephone interviews carried out April 10 - May 7, with a national sample of 1,006 Jews over age 18. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.1%.

1. How important is being Jewish in your life?

Very important 41%

Somewhat important 35%

Not too important 17%

Not at all important 7%

2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Caring about Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew.”

Agree strongly 38%

Agree somewhat 24%

Disagree somewhat 20%

Disagree strongly 15%

No opinion 2%

3. Do you consider being Jewish mostly a matter of religion, or more a matter of ethnicity and culture?

Mostly a matter of religion 24%

Mostly a matter of ethnicity or culture 59%

Both equally 16%

No opinion 1%

4. Looking ahead five years, do you think that the ties between American and Israeli Jews will be...

Stronger than today 18%

Weaker than today 24%

About the same as today 53%

No opinion 4%

5. Compared to a year ago, is the status of Jews in the United States more secure or less secure?

More secure than a year ago 15%

Less secure than a year ago 65%

About the same as a year ago 17%

No opinion 3%

6. Compared to a year ago, is the climate on college campuses less hostile or more hostile toward pro-Israel students?

Less hostile than a year ago 9%

More hostile than a year ago 57%

About the same as a year ago 17%

No opinion 18%

7. Anti-Semitic incidents have become more frequent in Europe. Do you think that Jews have a future as Jews in Europe, or should they leave now?

Jews have a future as Jews in Europe 75%

Jews should leave now 17%

No opinion 8%

8. Using the metaphor of a family, do you consider Israeli Jews your...?

Siblings 13%

First Cousins 15%

Extended family 43%

Not part of my family 28%

No opinion 1%

9. Have you ever visited Israel?

No 59%

Yes, once 16%

Yes, more than once 15%

Yes, at least five times 10%

10. Do you have family in Israel to whom you feel close?

Yes 28%

No 72%

11. Do you think that a thriving Diaspora is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people?

Yes 65%

No 16%

No opinion 17%

12. Do you think that a thriving State of Israel is vital for the long-term future of the Jewish people?

Yes 72%

No 25%

No opinion 4%

13. In politics today, do you consider yourself...

Republican 18%

Democrat 49%

Independent 20%

Other 12%

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14. Is your opinion of the job President Trump is doing favorable or unfavorable?

Favorable 26%

Unfavorable 71%

No opinion 2%

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15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling U.S.-Israel relations?

Approve strongly 22%

Approve somewhat 14%

Disapprove somewhat 14%

Disapprove strongly 45%

No opinion 4%

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16. Compared to a year ago, do you think Americans are more united or more divided over their most important values?

More united than a year ago 10%

More divided than a year ago 81%

About the same as a year ago 6%

No opinion 2%

17. In your opinion, which foreign nation poses the single greatest danger to the United States?

China 21%

Iran 14%

North Korea 12%

Russia 36%

Another country 10%

No opinion 7%

18. Do you think it appropriate for American Jews to attempt to influence Israeli policy on such issues as national security and peace negotiations with the Palestinians?

Appropriate 57%

Not appropriate 40%

No opinion 4%

19. In the current situation, do you favor or oppose a two-state solution through the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state on the West Bank?

Favor strongly 33%

Favor somewhat 31%

Oppose somewhat 12%

Oppose strongly 14%

No opinion 10%

20. As part of a peace agreement with the Palestinians, should Israel be willing to dismantle all, some, or none of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank?

Israel should be willing to dismantle all the settlements 25%

Israel should be willing to dismantle some of the settlements 41%

Israel should not be willing to dismantle any of the settlements 28%

No opinion 7%

21. Looking ahead five years, do you think that the chances for peaceful coexistence between Israel and a Palestinian state will...?

Improve 19%

Decline 27%

Stay the same 51%

No opinion 3%

21a. Do you support or oppose the recent American recognition of the Golan Heights as Israeli territory?

Support 50%

Oppose 39%

No opinion 11%

22. Do you identify as...?

Haredi [Ultra-Orthodox] 7%

Modern Orthodox 3%

Conservative 13%

Reform 29%

Reconstructionist 3%

Secular 21%

Other 23%

23. What is your current marital status? [Intermarriage variable]

Unmarried 45%

Married to a born Jew 31%

Married to a convert to Judaism 3%

Married to a non-Jew 20%